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Please add the following new claims 16 - 19:

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16. (New) A hand operated syringe for injecting a liquid, comprising:
so arranged that when the plunger is in its fully inserted position, its pressure surface is

- a) an elongated barrel having proximal and distal ends and an exit orifice at its distal end;
4. (Twice Amended) A hand operated syringe for injecting a liquid, comprising:
 - b) a pair of opposing finger grips for reception of fingers of a user's hand and
 - a) an elongated barrel having proximal and distal ends and an exit orifice at its distal end;
 - distally facing gripping surface having a pressure point at its center to which
 - b) a pair of opposing finger grips for reception of the index and middle fingers, finger pressure is applied proximally during operation of the syringe, said respectively, of a user's hand and carried at the proximal end of the barrel, each grip pressure points defining a plane substantially perpendicular to the barrel's axis; having a generally distally facing gripping surface having an arcuate portion nearer the barrel than any other arcuate gripping surface portion and defining a finger pressure point to which finger pressure is applied proximally during operation of the syringe, said manual pressure; the plunger being movable between retracted and fully inserted points defining a plane substantially perpendicular to the barrel's axis;
 - c) a plunger received in the barrel and having a proximal end protruding from the barrel, said proximal end including a pressure surface adapted to receive manual pressure; the plunger being movable between retracted and fully inserted positions within the barrel to discharge a volume of liquid through the exit orifice, the pressure surface of the plunger and the finger pressure points closely adjacent the barrel being so arranged that when the plunger is in its fully inserted position, its pressure surface lies substantially in said plane.

Please add the following new claims 16 - 19:

16. (New) A hand operated syringe for injecting a liquid, comprising:
 - a) an elongated barrel having proximal and distal ends and an exit orifice at its distal end;
 - b) a pair of opposing finger grips for reception of fingers of a user's hand and carried at the proximal end of the barrel, each finger grip having a generally distally facing gripping surface having a pressure point at its center to which finger pressure is applied proximally during operation of the syringe, said pressure points defining a plane substantially perpendicular to the barrel's axis;
 - c) a plunger received in the barrel and having a proximal end protruding from the barrel, said proximal end including a pressure surface adapted to receive manual pressure; the plunger being movable between retracted and fully inserted

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positions within the barrel to discharge a volume of liquid through the exit orifice, the pressure surface of the plunger and the finger pressure points closely adjacent the barrel being so arranged that when the plunger is in its fully inserted position, its pressure surface is spaced distally of said plane.

13 17. The syringe of claim 16 wherein each of said gripping surfaces is arcuate, and wherein said pressure point is at the most proximal point of said arcuate gripping surface.

14 18. The syringe of claim 16 or claim 17 wherein said finger grips each are configured as circular openings sized to receive only a single finger.

15 19. A hand operated syringe for injecting a liquid, comprising:

a) an elongated barrel having proximal and distal ends and an exit orifice at its distal end;

b) a pair of opposing finger grips carried at the proximal end of the barrel, each having a generally distally facing gripping surface against which finger pressure is applied proximally during operation of the syringe, each gripping surface having one finger pressure point that is more closely adjacent to the barrel than any other finger pressure point of said gripping surface, said more closely adjacent pressure points defining a plane substantially perpendicular to the barrel's axis,

c) a plunger received in the barrel and having a proximal end protruding from the barrel, said proximal end including a pressure surface adapted to receive manual pressure; the plunger being movable between retracted and fully inserted positions within the barrel to discharge a volume of liquid through the exit orifice, the pressure surface of the plunger and the finger pressure points closely adjacent the barrel being so arranged that when the plunger is in its fully inserted position, its pressure surface is spaced distally of said plane.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 5 and 12 – 15.

Remarks:

The courtesy of an interview with Examiner Stright on November 20, 2001 is appreciated.

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